their seats[6] and limited in their interests. Then there was the I.L.P. group, already turbulent and dissatisfied, especially as none of them had been included in the Cabinet. John Wheatley, the ablest of the LL.P. group, bitterly reproached his ostensible leaders on the very first day the new Government met Parliament, warning them that though then they were the recipients of much flattery and adulation, before long they would be discredited in Parliament and in the country, deserted by their followers, their humiliation complete. He did notlfve to see this prophecy abundantly fulfilled. **£j** ***/&&OS73fy#33***

As for the others—they included vegetarians, prohibitionists, aristocrats, drunkards, army and navy officers, ascetics, every variety of crank, or, to use Mr. G. T. GarrattV apt word, mugwump. Their own common ground was a feeling of dissatisfaction with the existing state of affairs, but when it came to instituting changes, they were hopelessly divided. They all called themselves Socialists, but they never were able to make up their minds whether their part was to welcome the economic collapse which they had long and exultantly predicted or to prevent it. As Sir Oswald Mosley put it, they were like a Salvation Army band which turned out with banners flying for the Judgment Day, but when the first rumble of the approaching cataclysm was heard, turned in disarray and fled. ^&1 • 0&5

Their coming to power was the cidminatio^Snmuch patient effort, much expense of passion. How many envelopes had been licked, addressed and delivered, how many ardent

words spoken, before they found themselves ranged behind His Majesty's Government. What a pouring out of spittle and ink and breath before that came to pass. A large gathering in the Albert Hall

[6] The fidelity of Labour voters in mining constituencies is astonishing. When Mr. Mardy Jones, who sat for a raining constituency, resigned his seat in 1931 as a result of making an improper use of the free travelling facilities he was entitled to as a Member of Parliament, in the resultant by-election the Labour candidate was returned with only a slightly reduced majority, and this when the Labour vote was slumping heavily in other parts of the country.

[7] *The Mugwumps of the Labour Party.*